

KILLINGS IN HAITI HELD UNAVOIDABLE

Reed Professor Told That 3000 May Have Been Slain.

MOST DECLARED BANDITS

General Denial to Charges of Torture and Mistreatment of Natives Given by Admiral.

Virtual admission that some 3000 Haitians might have been killed during military operations since the United States' occupation of the island of Haiti in 1915 is contained in an important statement from Secretary of the Navy Daniels made to Professor Charles McKinley of the department of politics of Reed college. The letter was received yesterday.

Professor McKinley's inquiries into the Haitian situation helped to influence the navy department to air the alleged autocratic domination of the little island by its garrison of marines and sailors, and Commander Foote, aide to Secretary Daniels, in writing to the Portland man, states that the matter was of such general interest that the report was made public as soon as received from Rear-Admiral H. R. Knapp, now in Haiti making an investigation. Any charges of atrocities on the part of Americans are false, according to the letter from the navy department.

Opposition Is Denied. It was the substance of this reply that gave vent to such a storm of protest throughout the country a few weeks ago when it was first published and the public got an inkling that conditions in the island protectorate had not been as wholesome as were expected. Professor McKinley's letter, that contained the 14 embarrassing questions, arrived at the Haiti station October 1 and Rear-Admiral Knapp hastened to answer. He stated, in short, that it is possible that some 3000 Haitians might have been killed during the United States' occupation of the island, but that, in the main, most of the military operations were necessary and that that island is now peaceful.

That many Americans were killed by the rebels was also told. Killing of women might have been possible, says the statement, where they were in company of bandit bands in the field. The navy report denies the killing of any children, and, in no case, says the report, was the slaughter what might be characterized as the killing of "innocents."

A general denial is made of oppression, though some of the old practices usual in the island have been an operation under United States rule. That civil courts were superseded by military tribunals by the stoppage of justice is also denied. Restraint of liberty of the residents of the island only occurred to such an extent as would enable the American troops to protect them, says the report. Special privileges for Americans, seizure of industries and lands and usurpation of excessive authority are generally denied. Charges of torture, strangulation or flogging of natives are declared false.

Killings Held Necessary.

In the answer to the question about the alleged shooting of some 3000 native men, women and children since the occupation of the island in 1915 Rear-Admiral Knapp says: "During the necessary military operations that have taken place in Haiti since the occupation in 1915 it is hardly possible that 3000 Haitian men, in all, may have been killed. The operations were necessary in order to restore order and respect for human life and property that were endangered by the Haitians themselves, especially in the northeastern part of Haiti, which has been the stronghold of Haitian bandits called 'Cacos.' There has been intermittent fighting between the troops of the occupation, assisted by the gendarmes de Haiti, and these bandit bands. This culminated some months ago in an intensive campaign to put an end to these conditions of disorder, and the country is now peaceful and conditions of good order obtain practically throughout. With the necessary military operations extending over five years, it was unavoidable that many casualties should occur.

"It is pertinent as part of an answer to this question to state that during this same period American lives have also been sacrificed, as well as the lives of Haitian soldiers who, with the Americans, were seeking to bring about a state of tranquility. As far as women and children are concerned the answer to this question is no. There may possibly have been some cases of women shot during action when these women were in the company of bandit bands; but such cases, if they occurred, were accidents incidental to the campaign and were not the result of any intent and were in spite of every desire of the American troops engaged. I have heard of no case whatever where children have been killed, even under the circumstances spoken of above."

WHITE HAS NEW CHARGE

DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN HOLDS ALLEGATIONS PROVED.

Circular Letter Said to Show Republican Willingness to Sell Out to Corporations.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Portions of a circular letter said to have been sent to directors of corporations by an official of the republican national committee were made public here tonight by George White, chairman of the democratic national committee. Mr. White declared the letter tends to prove Governor Cox's charge that republicans would "sell out" to the corporations." Mr. White's statement follows: "A circular letter sent to directors of corporations by Charles E. Jones, chairman of the ways and means committee of the republican national committee, is a grave charge, but it is borne out by the contents of Mr. Warren's letter. "Under date of October 20, 1920, in addressing directors of corporations he writes: "Will you, therefore, determine promptly what the value of your corporate interests means to you and your financial pledge accordingly and mail

the enclosed card with remittance to the Detroit office today. "The signature of Mr. Warren is not only printed on this letter but it is signed in ink over the printed name. The letter is written on the stationery of the republican ways and means committee. "No more sordid document, nor one more corroborative of Governor Cox's charge that certain corporations are trying to buy an underlord in the government has come to light in this campaign. "There is another phase of Mr. Warren's letter bearing out the democratic charge of millions to be employed in an endeavor to elect Senator Harding. Remember, it is dated October 20, 1920, two days after the republican national committee reported an expenditure of more than \$2,000,000. Mr. Warren writes: "Through over-confidence or inertia on the part of the republican business men, a substantial portion of the campaign expense is still unprovided for. "The letter to which I refer is on file in my office and I am prepared to submit it to anyone who doubts its authenticity."

ROOSEVELT IS OPTIMISTIC

COX WINS BECAUSE HE'S FOR LEAGUE, SAYS MATE.

Harding Criticized, Issue Taken With Coolidge as Nominee Extols Peace Pact.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 27.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, asserting that the league of nations issue was above party and involved not only the honor but the future prosperity of the country, predicted in an address tonight that Governor Cox would be elected because he favored going into the league—"the carrying out of the great moral purpose for which we entered the war."

He also criticized Senator Harding for his alleged "reactionary record" as a legislator, praised the administration of Governor Cox in Ohio, which he said was "a record of progressive achievement" and took issue with Governor Coolidge for his recent statement that one of the principal issues this year is "whether our government shall or shall not be a government of laws and not of men."

Referring to Governor Coolidge's statement, he said: "A government of laws only has never succeeded and can never succeed. The constitution itself, which Mr. Coolidge so often refers to, is incomplete and always has been. It depends for its success on the interpretation of that document and its application to existing circumstances by human beings.

NOMINEE IS RULED OUT

WIFE SHOWN TO HAVE HELPED VOTERS MARK BALLOTS.

Washington Supreme Court Disqualifies Fred Hanson—Nomination Goes to W. A. Hunter.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—The supreme court has sustained the superior court of Mason county in cancelling the republican primary nomination of Fred Hanson for county commissioner because Hanson's wife was shown to have accompanied six voters into the booth and to have assisted them in marking their ballots. The law permits only election officers to render such assistance in voting where the voter is unable to read or write or is physically incapacitated. Mrs. Hanson was not an election officer. By invalidation of the six votes which were cast for Hanson, the primary count stood 149 for Hanson and 142 for W. A. Hunter, his opponent, who receives the nomination. In commenting on the necessity of preserving secrecy of the ballot, the supreme court cites section 4902 of the code, which forbids a voter to divulge the name of any candidate he intends to vote for to any person within a polling place except when legally entitled to the assistance of an election officer, and section 8104, which provides that after marking his ballot no voter shall reveal how he voted it within a polling place. Judge Mount dissented to the findings.

WOMAN WON'T TESTIFY

Complainant Brings About Dismissal of Case Against Man.

BEND, Or., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—On the urgent request of Mrs. J. J. Gardner, complainant witness coupled with her refusal to testify, the case against Nerves Parnell, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, has been dismissed. District Attorney Moore announced today. The case against Parnell was one of the Hat of charges referred to the November grand jury for investigation. Parnell was arrested early in the summer and had his preliminary hearing in justice court. Mrs. Gardner testified at that time that Parnell had visited her home early in the morning, awakened her, induced her to leave the house, and had then seized her and dressed her dressing gown and night robe with a knife.

Elma ex-Postmaster Leaves. ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—In company with T. J. Fitch, chief inspector, H. Jones, who was removed as postmaster at Elma Monday, left last night for Tacoma, where adjustments of accounts of the Elma office will be completed. A. Wakefield, appointed by Mr. Fitch is now in charge of the office.

125 In Citizenship Class. ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—Citizenship class enrollment has reached 125 and the teaching Elma office will be completed. A class of 18 native born residents also has been formed for advanced work in citizenship. English citizenship under Miss Elizabeth Finch.

Bonns to Be Discussed. ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—The last shot to be fired here

in the campaign for passage of referendum No. 3, the soldier bonus bill, is scheduled for Friday night, when William J. (Wee) Coyle, candidate for lieutenant-governor, and Bob Arkley, state president of the Bolo Club, will address a mass meeting in the American Legion building Friday night. The meeting will be under auspices of the Grays Harbor County Bolo club.

Two Workmen Electrocutted. GRASS VALLEY, Cal., Oct. 27.—Henry Wark of Grass Valley and another man named Connors were electrocuted near here today while working on a power line of the Pacific Gas & Electric company. A wire they were rolling up came in contact with a wire carrying 30,000 volts and they were killed instantly.

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